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SUBJECT: LAO REACTION TO U.S. STATEMENT ON IRAN

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Classified By: Ambassador Patricia M. Haslach, reason 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Ambassador delivered reftel announcement orally to Director-General of Europe-Americas Department Southam Sakhonhnhinhom this afternoon, emphasizing the need for the GoL to issue a public statement of support for the U.S. initiative and to use whatever contacts it might have with the Iranian government to encourage the Iranians to suspend enrichment activities.

¶2. (C) DG Southam thanked Ambassador for the message, but noted that Laos' relations with Iran are not close. While the two countries have diplomatic relations, there is no resident Ambassador in either country. Southam, in fact, was unsure whether Q8wnQa-Pacific Department, but we doubt the Lao will issue a statement. A better approach in this case would be through the Lao Ambassador to the UN.
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